(c) Does not arise.

Allocation of Trawlers to Private Organisations

7000. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FOOD PRECESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether imported trawllers were allotted by the Government to various private orgnisations during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, those fisheries entrepreneurs who applied for import of trawlers and whose applications were found to be acceptable as per the prevalant policy were permitted to import trawlers during the last three years.

[*Translation*]

Wastage of Fruit Products

7001. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 20 to 50 per cent production of mango, papaiya, banana, orange, goes, waste due to various factors;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if not, the reason thereof;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to avoid the wastage of fruit production caused due to various factors;

(e) whether his Ministry proposes to set up food processing units under its administrative control to avoid wastage of fruit; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). Although no survey has been conducted specificially for mango, papaya, banana & orange to assess their wastages, according to a report of a group on Perishable Agriculture Commodities prepared in May, 1981 under the Chairmanship of the then Member, Planning Commission, Dr. M.S. Swaminath it is estimated that even into 40% of certain fruits and vegetable goes waste due to non-availability of appropriate post harvest infrastructure and pershability of the product.

(d) National Horticulture Board has formulated a number of shcemes to strengthen post harvest infrastructure and reduce the post harvest losses.

(e) and (f). Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing units directly. However, it has formulated various plan schemes for assisting the Public Sector, Cooperative Sector, Joint Sector units for processing fruits and vegetable.

Closure of Mica Mines in Bihar

7002. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of mica mines have been closed;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether hundreds of mica mines were running in the Hazaribagh and Giridih of Bihar and lakhs of people were earning